

Civic Symphony To Audition for 2 Leading Roles

Civic Symphony Assn. announces auditions for the two leading parts in the Christmas "Pantomime," "The Nutcracker Prince," following the usual custom of awarding the two most important parts in the Christmas show by contest only.

Applications are now being accepted for the part of the "Nutcracker Prince" and the equally important part of "Mary." Young people, boys and girls, from 10 to 18 years of age are eligible.

The Christmas show which will be the next event following the coming Symphony concert Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. at Redondo High School, will be another of the annual Christmas presentations of the South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony with Elyse Aehle conducting.

Elaborate ballets are already nearing perfection in the studios of Darian, Moore, Stover, Tiffany, Whitmar, and Simonsen. Several hundred local professionals and non-professionals in drama, dance, and music will take part. There are also local professional artists who are preparing the sound and scenery back-grounds.

The auditions for leads will be held on Nov. 10. All desiring to participate should write to the Civic Symphony, 1617 Via Montemar, Palos Verdes Estates, giving name, address, telephone number, age, previous experience, and teachers names.

Noted Piano Soloist Set To Perform

Concert artist Colette Nance will be at the featured piano soloist with the Civic Symphony of the South Bay and Torrance which will perform Nov. 8, at the Redondo High School auditorium.

The guest artist has appeared as soloist with orchestras and in recitals in Europe and the principal cities of the east. She attended Juillard School of Music in New York City.

She will play the featured solo "Star Rhapsody" by Edmundo Najera, Chopin's Fantaisie-Impromptu, Nocturne in F sharp major and the Etude in C minor.

The symphony orchestra is conducted by Elyse Aehle and is a member of the Los Angeles Symphony League.

Tickets to the concert can be obtained from Mrs. Alfreda Headley, 206 Ave. H, Redondo Beach.

Firemen Fight Mattress, Car, Hamper Fires

A light bulb left on a mattress in the garage started a small fire at the William Pierce home, 17302 Elgar Ave., Tuesday.

By the time firemen arrived neighbors had extinguished the blaze with a garden hose. Firemen put out a fire in a clothes hamper at the Richard Murray home, 3704 W. 182nd St., Tuesday. The hamper apparently got too close to an electric wall heater.

A blaze in fertilizer piled at 230th and Hawthorne Ave. gave firemen a stinker of a problem late Saturday, but the fire was finally put out.

The firemen also answered a call to put out a car fire at the home of Tommy Albright, 244 Vista del Parque, late Saturday.

Utility Pole Hit by Car

Two youths were injured when their car left the road early Saturday morning and sheared off a utility pole.

Driver of the car, Bert Alfred Hedge, 18, of 4103 W. 164th St., told officers that he evidently fell asleep at the wheel.

Both Hedge and his passenger, Eddie Denning, 20, of Redondo Beach, were injured.

The accident occurred at Ainsworth Ave. and 174th St.

FAMOUS BRIDGE

The Ponte Vecchio at Florence, Italy, is one of the most famous bridges in the world.

Teachers Will Hear Talk on Mental Health

Dr. Ruth Strang, professor of education from Teachers' College, Columbia University, will speak to teachers in Torrance and other neighboring communities at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at Torrance High School auditorium.

The title of her discussion will be "Research Findings on Mental Health and What They Mean for the Classroom Teacher."

Dr. Strang is an authority in

the field of guidance and pupil personnel work. She is the author of several professional books including "Introduction to Child Study" and "Educational Guidance, the Role of the Teacher in Personnel Work."

She was chairman of the 1948 yearbook for the National Society for the Study of Education. The title of the yearbook was "Juvenile Delinquency and the Schools." Her

earlier teaching experience was with the Woods School, Langhorne, Pa., and the Horace Mann Elementary School, New York City.

SCOUT ORIGIN

The Boy Scout movement had its beginning in the British Isles in 1908.

FAST BEAT

The heart of a bird can beat too fast for the human ear to count.

Area Flu Cases Spotty; Absence Down Somewhat

Although absences still are above normal in many schools, the amount of flu in the area seems to be decreasing, according to Dr. B. A. Kogan, Torrance health officer.

A check showed absences in Torrance schools are running between six and 10 per cent, according to latest reports, a little lower than in the Redondo, Manhattan, and Hermosa districts.

25 Per Cent Out

Nativity Catholic School had about 25 per cent of its students out, while the St. Catherine Labouré had about seven per cent. The Seventh-Day Adventist School had about 30 per cent, while Resurrection Lutheran had about 10 per cent. South Bay Christian had about 10 per cent.

Not all the absentees were due to flu, but in most cases

were running higher than usual.

Local industrial plants reported absences running at a near-normal rate.

Not Undue Amount

"There is no indication that there is an undue amount of influenza in the Torrance district," Dr. Kogan said. "However, it is my impression that we may have, with the next months, more than we have at present."

"It is also my impression that the vaccine that has been used by various drug companies has resulted in more reactions than was originally expected. This does not contradict the use of the vaccine, but the family doctor should decide when it should be used." He urged residents to consult the family doctor when flu is suspected. An exact diagnosis of flu cannot be made without tests in the laboratory.

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